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SUBJECT: THIRD WORLD ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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1. REPORTS FROM NEW AND MEXICO CITY BY CORRESPONDENTS OF LEADING PAK NEWSPAPER, GOP-OWNED PAKISTAN TIMES INDICATE CONTINUED INTENSIVE ACTIVITY AND LOBBYING BY PAK DIPLOMATS TO SELL THE BHUTTO PROPOSAL FOR THE SUMMIT MEETING. THESE ACCOUNTS INDICATE PAKISTAN WOULD LIKE TO HOST THE CONFERENCE AND WISHES IT TO OCCUR IN 1977.

2. ACCORDING TO CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK, PAK AMBASSADOR IQBAL AKHUND TOLD UN REPORTERS THAT WHILE PAKISTAN IS NOT PUTTING ITSELF FORTH AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE CONFERENCE SITE, HE COULD NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT WOULD INDEED BE SELECTED AS THE HOST COUNTRY. AS FOR TIMING, HE SAID THE SUMMIT SHOULD BE CONVENED " IN THE NEAR FUTURE"

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BUT PROBABLY COULD NOT BE ARRANGED BEFORE NEXT SPRING

HE SAID THE CONFEREES WOULD FIRST WANT TO KNOW THE OUT-COME OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION, THE NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC TALKS IN PARIS, AND A RAW MATERIALS CONFERENCE ALREADY SCHEDULED FOR EARLY 1977.

3. MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE AZIZ AHMED, WHO WILL HEAD PAK GA DELEGATION, WILL DEVOTE A MAJOR PART OF HIS OWN OPENING SPEECH TO THE SUMMIT PROPOSAL

4. ACCORDING TO THE ABOVE ACCOUNTS, PAKISTAN IS PRESSING THAT THE CONFERENCE BE ONE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT AND THAT REPRESENTATION SHOULD NOT BE BELOW THAT LEVEL. ALSO, THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE THIRD WORLD TO CREATE A PERMANENT STRUCTURE IN THE FORM OF A SECRETARIAT TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM OF THE SUMMIT. THE REPORT FROM MEXICO CITY ALLEGES THAT WHILE THE PROPOSAL IS ATTRACTING KEEN INTEREST IT IS RUNNING INTO RESISTANCE FROM ELEMENTS OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.
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